
70. (amended) An isolated or purified antibody composition, wherein said antibody specifically binds an epitope bearing portion of the polypeptide of claim 58, wherein said epitope comprises at least one of the amino acid positions 203 to 458 of SEQ ID No. 5.

71. (amended) An isolated or purified antibody composition, wherein said antibody specifically binds an epitope bearing portion of the polypeptide of claim 59, wherein said epitope comprises at least one of the amino acid positions 203 to 458 of SEQ ID No. 5.

D³ 72. (amended) A diagnostic kit for detecting *in vitro* the presence of a G713 polypeptide in a biological sample, said kit comprising:

- a) a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody that specifically binds a G713 polypeptide according to any one of claims 45, 58 or 59 or a fragment thereof;
- b) a reagent allowing the detection of the antigen-antibody complexes formed between a G713 polypeptide and said antibody.

73. (amended) A method of determining whether a G713 gene product is present or absent in a biological sample comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining said biological sample from a human or non-human mammal,
 - b) contacting said biological sample with the anti-G713 antibody of any one of claims 46, 70 or 71,
 - c) determining the presence or absence of said G713 gene product in said biological sample.
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